Re: John Doe v. Jonathan R. Alger, et al. Case No: 5:15-cv-00035-EKD (U. S. District Court, W.D. Va., Harrisonburg Div.)

**Exhibit to Plaintiff's Memorandum Regarding Remedies** 

Exhibit 4

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              IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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              FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
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                     HARRISONBURG DIVISION
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     JOHN DOE,
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                               Plaintiff,) CIVIL ACTION NO.
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     v.
                                         )5:15-cv-00035
     JONATHAN R. ALGER, President of
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     James Madison University, sued in
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                                                 CONFIDENTIAL
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     his official capacity, and
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     MARK J. WARNER, Ph.D., Senior
     Vice President of Student Affairs
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     and University Planning for James
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     Madison University, sued in his
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     official capacity,
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                              Defendants.)
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                    CONFIDENTIAL
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                        Deposition of:
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                       JONATHAN R. ALGER
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                    Harrisonburg, Virginia
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              Friday, March 25, 2016, 9:17 a.m.
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              Reported by: Karen L. Hart, RMR-CRR
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                Okay. So this was the notice that was
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     sent to our client. So is this your basic -- do you
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     have any reason to believe that he was told anything
     different than this?
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                Again, I think it's inappropriate for me
          Α.
     to speculate on conversations I was not a part of,
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     but I assume --
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                But you --
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                -- that they communicated what the policy
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     said.
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          Q.
                Right.
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                So where exactly is JMU's campus?
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                In Harrisonburg, Virginia.
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                MR. PAXTON: Right. Let me --
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                  (Deposition Exhibit No. 127 was marked for
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     identification and attached to the transcript.)
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     BY MR. PAXTON:
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                Let me show you what I've marked as
     Exhibit 127, which I will represent to you was a map
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     that was printed off of JMU's website last night.
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                Have you seen this map generally before?
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          Α.
                Yes.
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                Right.
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- 1 And does this represent what you would
- 2 describe generally as the campus of JMU?
- A. Yes, I think it has most of the campus on
- 4 it.
- 5 Q. Okay. Are there any gates or check points
- 6 anywhere in Harrisonburg that someone has to pass
- 7 through in order to get on campus or show an ID or
- 8 anything like that?
- 9 A. No, there are gates to parking lots that
- 10 are -- that you have to have a pass to get through.
- 11 Q. Right.
- 12 Because parking is probably the most
- important precious thing that there is in a college
- 14 university town?
- 15 A. Certainly up there.
- 16 Q. In fact, there aren't -- there aren't any
- 17 security guards or campus police at the edge of the
- 18 campus checking IDs; are there?
- 19 A. Not typically.
- 20 Q. Right.
- 21 And, in fact, there are public streets
- 22 that run right through the middle of your campus?
- 23 A. No, I don't think that -- I wouldn't
- 24 describe them as public streets. They are -- I'm not
- 25 sure which ones you're referring to.

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- 1 Q. Well, let's look at -- if you go north of
- 2 81, which is sort of the middle line here, and you go
- 3 up to the Bluestone area, which is sort of where we
- 4 are located, we're just not far from that, there's
- 5 South Main Street, U.S. Route 11.
- 6 A. Well, South Main Street is a public
- 7 street, certainly, yes.
- 8 Q. Right.
- 9 And so what about Martin Luther King
- 10 Boulevard?
- 11 A. Yeah, that's at the edge of the campus.
- 12 But, yes, that's a public street.
- 13 O. And Duke Drive?
- 14 A. Duke Drive actually may be operated by the
- 15 university. I'm not positive of that, but there are
- 16 some streets that the university actually controls.
- 17 Q. And the buildings on campus, the vast
- 18 majority of them are owned by JMU, and that's a state
- 19 agency; correct?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. And when JMU's sports teams play
- 22 intercollegiate athletics, the campus is open for the
- 23 public to come; correct?
- A. Yes, although you have to have a ticket to
- 25 get in.

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1 Q. Yeah.

- 2 A. So they do have security, and they do have
- 3 people that are there.
- 4 Q. Right.
- 5 But a lot of people come and just tailgate
- 6 and hang out in areas around and never go in the
- 7 football game?
- 8 A. Actually, I don't know if that's true or
- 9 not. I assume most of them do eventually go in.
- 10 Q. And when JMU has musical events that are
- open to the public, people can come on campus and can
- 12 come as they want?
- 13 A. With tickets, yes. Again, there would be
- 14 people checking tickets.
- 15 Q. And, in fact, tonight, one of the things I
- 16 noticed on the website, JMU is hosting an event
- 17 called The Public Start Party -- Star Party, where
- 18 the public is specifically invited every month to
- 19 come on campus and look through the telescopes to
- 20 explore stars and planets.
- 21 Are you familiar with that program?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And you don't -- there's no tickets
- 24 required for that; is there?
- 25 A. I'm not sure. I've not been to one of

Page 26 1 those myself. 2 That's it for that. 0. 3 Okay. 4 Now, in your role -- I want to ask a 5 couple questions about your role as president of JMU. But first, let me -- how many -- roughly 6 7 how many undergraduate students do you have? it can change from day to day. 8 9 A. Undergraduates, there are -- I believe 10 it's approximately 18,000. That's an approximate 11 number. 12 And has that -- has that enrollment of 13 undergraduate students grown since you arrived in 14 2012? 15 Yes. Α. And as president, you report to the Board 16 of Visitors? 17 18 Α. Correct. 19 And they're appointed by the governor? 0. 20 Correct. 21 JMU's website indicates that you serve as 22 chief executive officer or CEO of the university. 23 that an accurate description? 24 Α. Yes. 25 So is it fair to say, to use Harry 0.